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FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: SOFTENER COMPOSITION :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 26, through page 8, line 8, with the following:

The softener composition of the present invention is preferably in the form of an aqueous solution comprising at least the component (a) and the component (b) and the component (c) or (d), diluted in water. The water used is preferably distilled water or deionized water. It is desirable for storage stability that water is incorporated in an amount of

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